

Date of Notice

12.17.2025

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]:

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Address (e.g., Street No. or P.O. Box)

7800 Harkins Road

City, State, Zip Code

Lanham, MD 20706

Telephone Number of RE

301-429-7400

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities undertaken by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. **

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has scheduled to submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funding to undertake the Prospect Heights project to fund a 16-unit affordable housing development located at 202A-204C, 205A&B, 213A-217C, Gold Rush Lane, in Hurlock, MD 21643-3653. The total costs of this project is estimated at \$2,600,000.00, where \$600,000.00 will be from the HOME program. In accordance with the Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, the Department of Housing and Community Development will provide an opportunity for the citizens of Hurlock, MD to provide commentary of the proposed project.

In accordance with the environmental standards enforced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is required to complete an assessment of the potential adverse effects for the local inhabitants in the event the proposed project is completed. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that Prospect Heights will have no significant impact on the human environment. We, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and I, Jacob R. Day, the certifying officer, will accept written comments in reference to the Environmental Review Record of Prospect Heights from any individual, group, or agency for 15 days following publication of this notice (January 2, 2026) . The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Certifying Officer: Jacob R. Day, in their capacity as Official Title consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and these responsibilities have been satisfied. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities

under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the name of the grant recipient to use Program funds.

Objections to the Department of Housing and Urban Development to release HOME funding to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development may be submitted on the following basis:

- The certification was not executed by a Certifying Officer of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.
- The RE (Responsible Entity) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58.
- The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by the 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or
- Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Field Officer HUD - Baltimore Field Office at 100 South Charles Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21201-2505.

Please keep in mind potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Contact Information for Public Comment:

Certifying Officer: Jacob R. Day <dhcd.specialloans@maryland.gov>